### BEFORE

### THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

## DOCKET NO. 2011-513-E - ORDER NO. 2012-37

# JANUARY 17, 2012

| IN RE: | Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas   | ) | ORDER GRANTING     |
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|        | Company for an Accounting Order to Defer    | ) | DEFERMENT AND      |
|        | and Record as a Regulatory Asset a Research | ) | RECORDING OF A     |
|        | and Development Grant Made to Clemson       | ) | RESEARCH GRANT TO  |
|        | University                                  | ) | CLEMSON UNIVERSITY |

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-1540 (Supp. 2011), this matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on a request from South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") authorizing it to defer and record as a regulatory asset a \$1 million grant for research and development made to Clemson University. Clemson plans to use the grant to help fund the building of a 15 megawatt (MW) Hardware-in-the-Loop ("HIL") Grid Simulator Facility where it plans to test new technology that supports the country's future electric energy goals and to educate the workforce of the future in power systems engineering. SCE&G states that granting its request will have no affect on rates or prices, nor will it prevent any future party from addressing the matter in a subsequent rate proceeding. Additionally, the Office of Regulatory Staff has no objection.

We find this request to be in the public interest and therefore grant deferment and recording of the \$1 million grant to Clemson as a regulatory asset.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:

David A. Wright, Vice Chairman

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